



**Powys County Council
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Dear parent / carer,

You will be aware that, in the event that a person tests positive for Covid-19, their contacts are required to self-isolate for 10 days. You may already have experienced this, including where your child's class has been required to self-isolate due to a positive case in their class bubble.

As part of the gradual return to full school operations, the Welsh Government have made available routine testing to all school staff. Routine testing involves staff (who can choose not to participate) self-administering a rapid test (called a lateral flow test) twice a week. A positive result from a lateral flow test must be followed up with a full Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test (a test which is sent to a laboratory) to confirm the positive result.

However, for the period of time between the positive lateral flow test result and the PCR test result, the contacts of the member of staff need to self-isolate. Therefore, please be aware that there may be occasions when your child is instructed to self-isolate. This may be for 10 days if the result is confirmed as positive, or for fewer days if the PCR test is negative (a negative PCR test following a positive lateral flow test overrides the positive result and all affected parties can end their self-isolation).

Yours sincerely,

**Cllr Phyl Davies
Portfolio Holder for Education and Property**